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Applicants: Earl Hubbell

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**AMENDMENT/ RESPONSE**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.